Annual Report

OF THE

Town of Hale

TREMPEALEAU COUNTY, WISCONSIN

For the Year 1970-1971

GORDON JOHNSON
Chairman

NORMAN AMUNDSON
First Supervisor

HALVOR HAUGEN
Second Supervisor

GERALD MYREN
Clerk

REUBEN GUNDERSON
Treasurer

E. A. SIELAFF
Assessor

DEPARTMENTAL DISBURSEMENTS

General Government

A. Town Board (Wages Excluding Social Security)

Gordon Johnson, Chairman's Salary	$	998.20
Norman Amundson, Supervisor's Salary		569.60
Halvor Haugen, Supervisor's Salary		570.00
Reuben Gunderson, Treasurer's Salary		904.40
E. A. Sielaff, Assessor's Salary Plus Mileage		936.80
E. A. Sielaff, Additional Work Done on Blotters As Recommended by State Assessment Representative		71.40
Gerald Myren, Clerk's Salary, Last Two Months of 1969-70 Term		214.20
Gerald Myren, Clerk's Salary, 10 Months of 1970-71 Term		1,070.10
TOTAL	$	5,334.70

B. Elections

Norman Amundson, Election Clerk and Inspector	$	39.00
Halvor Haugen, Inspector		27.00
Clarence Huff, Inspector		39.00
Allerd Skovbroten, Sr., Ballot Clerk and Inspector		46.00
Carl Steig, Ballot Clerk		38.00
Walter Stensby, Ballot Clerk		8.00
Gordon Johnson, Inspector		12.00
Reuben Gunderson, Clerk		27.00
Gerald Myren, Clerk		39.00
Gerald Myren, Delivering Ballots		4.50
Curtis Stuve, Inspector		15.00
Dominic Matchey, Inspector		15.00
Carl Koepke, Ballot Clerk		11.00
Tri-County News, Election Notices		14.00
Whitehall Times, Election and Caucus Notices		7.14
Independence News-Wave, Election Notices		5.25
Janice Thoma, Clerk		15.00
Sylvia Engevold, Clerk		15.00
Curtis Stuve, Delivering Ballots		1.50
TOTAL	$	378.39

C. Board of Review

Independence News-Wave	$	7.53
Whitehall Times		22.50
Tri-County News		4.00
TOTAL	$	34.03

D. Weed Notices

Whitehall Times	$	5.00
Independence News-Wave		4.00
Tri-County News		4.30
TOTAL	$	13.30

E. Law

Wisconsin Towns Association, Yearly Membership Fee	$	50.00
Bautch Insurance Agency, Treasurer's Tax Bond		217.00
Attorney John Ward, Retainer and 1970 Legal Fees		296.69
TOTAL	$	563.69

F. Property and Liability Insurance

Employers Insurance of Wausau, Workmen's Compensation Policy	$	477.00
Employers Insurance of Wausau, Combination Liability and Casualty Policy		1,288.00
Erv. Olson, Fire and Wind Insurance on Building and Equipment for Three Years		724.00
TOTAL	$	2,489.00

G. Fire Protection

Pigeon Falls Fire Dept., Annual Assessment	$	430.00
Strum-Unity Fire Dept., Annual Fire Assessment		250.00
Osseo Rural Fire Dept., Clarence Goss Grass Fire		150.00
Osseo Rural Fire Dept., Stand-by Fee for Fire Runs		400.00
City of Whitehall, Fire Dues May, 1970 thru April, 1971		300.00
Independence Fire Dept., Annual Fire Assessment		640.00
Independence Fire, Balance of Hale's Share of Rural Tanker		296.00
TOTAL	$	2,466.00

H. Loans

Bank of Osseo, Payment on Building Loan	$	2,800.00
Bank of Osseo, Interest on Building Loan		949.20
Bank of Osseo, Last Payment on Maintainer Loan		4,800.00
Bank of Osseo, Interest on Maintainer Loan		204.00
Bank of Osseo, Temporary Loan		27,000.00
Bank of Osseo, Interest on Temporary Loan		345.00
TOTAL	$	36,098.20

HIGHWAY

A. Maintainer Operators, Cat Driver and Loader Operator (Wages Excluding Social Security & Taxes)

Alvin Nelson	$ 3,053.62
Orville Dahl	3,474.23
Floyd Maug	3,810.41
TOTAL	$ 10,338.26

B. Truck Drivers

Arthur Anderson	$ 2,207.29
Nathan Goplin	1,177.71
George Bautch	1,492.62
Adrian Sluga	297.15
Gerald Dahl	326.49
Lloyd R. Olson	80.90
Joseph Skoyen	162.00
TOTAL	$ 5,744.16

C. Snowplowing, Shop Work, Sanding, Brush Cutting and Dump Work

Alvin Nelson	$ 1,937.29
Floyd Maug	2,162.91
Orville Dahl	1,978.58
Arthur Anderson	852.96
George Bautch	1,058.31
Gerald Dahl	395.07
Lloyd Olson	67.04
TOTAL	$ 8,452.16

D. Road Upkeep

La Crosse Highway Products, Culverts	$ 3,973.78
Alvin Halvorson, Road Dragging	14.28
Allerd Skovbroten, Sr., Road Dragging	14.28
Elmer Gunem, Road Dragging	21.90
Kleven Feed & Seed, Posts and Salt	7.05
Wilber Lime Products, Crushed Rock	32,972.00
Symicek Implement Co., Chain Saw Repairs	54.05
Carl Steig, Checking Crushed Rock Loads	259.49
Carl Koepke, Labor and Sand Minus Private Account and Scrap Iron Snowplow	50.99
Ivan Kinning, Shale	286.50
Marshall Bergerson, Sand	78.85
Mrs. Lester Thomley, Sand	70.15

Raymond Loga, Shale	.60
Edwin Nelson, Shale	26.00
Lennis Helgeson, Shale	87.50
Anna Eide, Sand	48.10
Hans Jacobson, Shale	18.25
TOTAL	$ 37,983.77

E. Highway Machinery, Parts and Repairs

Gunderson Chevrolet, Repairs and Tires	$ 1,242.92
Ken's Wisconsin Oxygen, Welding Supplies	203.66
Ellickson Welding and Machine Shop, Welding and Iron	45.95
G. T. C. Motor Parts & Equip. Co., Parts and Supplies	484.93
Bark River Culvert & Equip. Co., Repairs	772.05
Peterson Implement Co., Supplies and Repairs	324.70
Bauer Built, Inc., Tires and Retreads	583.35
Nagle-Hart, Inc., Repairs	955.71
Volds, Inc., Loader and Truck Repairs	68.02
Melvin Gunderson, Repairs and Supplies	52.68
Miller, Bradford & Risberg, Grader Repairs	2,889.52
Fenske Ford, Mower Parts	22.10
International Harvestor Co., Truck Parts	7.68
Automotive Machine Works, Inc., Rebuilding Motor	825.45
Montgomery Ward Sales Agency, Batteries	121.88
Whitehall Hardware, Pliers	4.15
O'Connell Road Supplies, Chains	392.27
TOTAL	$ 8,997.02

F. Gas, Oil and Anti-Freeze

Beef River Farmers Union, Gas and Grease	$ 150.33
W. B. I. Farmers Union, Gas, Diesel Fuel, Oil and Grease	2,652.45
TOTAL	$ 2,802.78

G. Trempealeau County Highway Dept.

Cable	$ 24.18
Replace Schroeder Culvert	545.52
Knutson Valley Bridge Repair	3,872.66
Dozer Work	740.90
Hot Mix	112.29
Orville Dahl, Hot Mix	127.65
Signs	23.08
Culvert	269.51
Work for Howard Hammer	623.43
Truck Repairs and Parts	370.30
Skovbroten Road, Oiling	2,016.32
Steig Road, Oiling	332.70

Work for Halvor Haugen	100.42
Nietzke Road, Oiling	2,026.64
Osborne Road, Oiling	2,823.09
Bautch Road, Oiling	780.25
Hanson Road, Oiling	1,338.09
Huff Road, Oiling	576.39
Work for Milan Christianson	94.65
Ripping Shale	147.97
Grader Blades and Bolts	161.40
Use of Truck	220.66
Pre-Mix	1,354.00
Work for Ralph Herman	282.84
Work for Thomas Gunderson	10.95
Work for Eldon Rongstad	70.12
Work for Mrs. Clara Hammer	389.18
Clarence Misch, Hot Mix	124.88
Eugene Halama, Hot Mix	182.14
Salt	186.00
Highway Advances	31,280.17
Miscellaneous Supplies	168.57
TOTAL	$ 51,376.95

UNCLASSIFIED

A. Lights, Telephone and Natural Gas for Town

Trempealeau Electric Co-op, Town Light Bills and Security Light	$ 186.79
Midwest Natural Gas, Inc., Natural Gas for Town Shops	1,626.21
Tri-County Telephone Co-op, Garage Phone Rental and Toll Calls	157.46
TOTAL	$ 1,970.46

B. Agency and Trust Payments

Public Employees Social Security Fund	$ 3,279.06
Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Federal Withholding Taxes	2,744.70
Wisconsin Dept. of Revenue, State Withholding Taxes	753.80
TOTAL	$ 6,777.56

C. Miscellaneous

Postmaster of Osseo, Stamps for Annual Reports	$ 36.00
Railway Express, Envelopes	7.10
Independence News-Wave, Printing Annual Reports	146.60
Larson Building Materials, Inc., Posts for Dump	5.90
Eau Claire Book & Stationery	

Office Supplies for Clerk and Treasurer	14.51
Tri-County News, Gas Bid and Dump Notices	15.40
Whitehall Times, Gas Bid and Dump Notices	10.50
Independence News-Wave, Gas Bid and Dump Notices	12.60
W. B. I. Farmers Union, Pipe for Dump Gate	17.61
Allerd Skovbroten, Sr., Health Officer 1969-70 Term	23.80
Business Envelope Manufacturers, Envelopes and Statements	43.55
Postmaster of Strum, Stamps for Treasurer	54.00
Bob Schneider Company, License Forms	8.76
Ellingson Ambulance, Ambulance Service Contract	485.00
Independence News-Wave, Printing	17.85
Arcadia News-Leader, Payroll Books	4.80
Gerald Myren, Reimbursement for Registered Letters and Office Supplies	26.89
Monroe, Yearly Calculator Maintenance Contract	51.00
Dept. of Natural Resources, Solid Waste Disposal License	50.00
Larson Building Materials, Inc., Lumber	50.75
John Long, Jr., Lease on Dump Land	50.00
Mac's Typewriter Co., Adding Machine Ribbon	3.50
Postmaster of Osseo, Stamps for Clerk and Chairman and Registered Letters	33.57
Leonard Knutson, Table for Town Hall	5.00
Reuben Gunderson, Stamps and Office Supplies	24.40
TOTAL	$ 1,199.09

D. Taxes

High School Districts, Balance of 1969 School Tax Levies	$ 24,317.22
Independence News-Wave, Tax Notices	29.60
Trempealeau County Treasurer, Settlement of 1970 Tax Roll	99,379.36
High School Districts, 80% of 1970 School Tax Levies	113,485.44
TOTAL	$237,211.62
TOTAL ORDERS DRAWN	$420,231.14

GENERAL RECEIPTS

1. General Property Taxes and Application of Taxes

State Tax	$ 1,529.82
State Special Charges Upon County	4,413.21
County School Tax	2,214.18
Social Security	18,070.05
Veterans Relief	168.90
County Bridge Aid	3,349.49
All Other County Taxes	47,567.16
Highways and Bridges	32,221.62
Handicapped School Tuition	243.02
Town Levy (Including Payment on Grader and Building Loans)	28,560.00
Fire Assessment	2,500.00
Overrun on Tax Roll	2.04
State Trust Fund Loans	10,893.95
High School Levies	130,723.63
Vocational School Levies	11,133.18
Woodland Tax Lands	112.11
Private Forest Crop Lands	25.00
Beekeepers Occupational Tax (25% Local, 75% State)	25.25
TOTAL	$293,752.61

2. Delinquent and Postponed Tax Collections

J. C. Knutson, Delinquent 1969 Personal Property Tax	$ 154.20
George Filla, Delinquent 1969 Personal Property Tax	662.17
County of Trempealeau, 1969 Postponed Real Estate Tax Settlement	28,866.56
J. C. Knutson, Delinquent 1970 Personal Property Tax	241.02
TOTAL	$ 29,923.95

3. Income Tax Apportionment

State of Wisconsin	$ 14,658.06

4. Telephone Tax

State of Wisconsin	$ 455.36

5. Licenses and Permits

Anthony Gierok, Class "B" Beer License	$ 100.00
Anthony Gierok, Cigarette License	5.00
Ann Voss, Bartender's License	1.00
Angeline Voss, Bartender's License	1.00

Elk Creek Store, Cigarette License	5.00
Melvin Gunderson, Cigarette License	5.00
Hale Store, Cigarette License	5.00
Robert Knudtson, Class "B" Beer License	100.00
George Knudtson, Bartender's License	1.00
Robert Knudtson, Cigarette License	5.00
Helen Knudtson, Bartender's License	1.00
TOTAL	$ 229.00

6. Public Utility Tax

State of Wisconsin, Electric Co-op Tax	$ 3,638.08
State of Wisconsin, Northern States Power Co. and Northern Natural Gas Utility Tax	5,644.84
TOTAL	$ 9,282.92

7. Grants and Gifts

State of Wisconsin, Liquor Tax Apportionment	$ 3,693.40
State of Wisconsin, Supplemental Highway Aid	26,594.17
State of Wisconsin, Auto License Apportionment	2,366.15
TOTAL	$ 32,653.72

8. Highway Refunds

County of Trempealeau, Refund of Advances on County-Aid Roads	$ 37,184.57
County of Trempealeau, Refund of Town Work Done on County-Aid Roads	16,443.07
TOTAL	$ 53,627.64

9. Bridge Aid

County of Trempealeau, Schroeder Bridge	$ 1,757.77
County of Trempealeau, Knutson Bridge	2,280.73
County of Trempealeau, Kowahl Bridge	340.45
TOTAL	$ 4,378.95

10. Loan

Bank of Osseo, Temporary Loan for Highway Advances	$ 27,000.00

11. Miscellaneous Receipts

Trempealeau County, Dog License Refund	$	83.72
State of Wisconsin, Taxes on Conservation Land		36.00
State of Wisconsin, Tax on Forest Crop Lands		17.00
Employers Insurance of Wausau, Refund after Audit		34.71
Ernest Sielaff, Purchase of Stamps		.90
W. B. I. Farmers Union, Cash Retirement		1.58
State of Wisconsin, Refund on First Quarter Social Security Report		108.00
TOTAL	$	281.91

12. All Other General Revenue Receipts

J. C. Knutson, Private Account	$	11.25
Reuben Gunderson, Private Account		126.94
Allerd Skovbroten, Sr., Private Account		4.00
Bye Brothers, Private Work		2.00
James Evenson, Grader Work		4.00
Edgar Goplin, Grading		36.00
Vernon Schaefer, Grading		8.00
Alvin Franson, Culvert		12.08
Bernard Wis. Farm Dev. Corp., County Work Done on Farm		54.78
Bernard Wis. Farm Dev. Corp., Grader Work		4.00
Loken Valley Ranch, Inc., Grader Work		32.00
Harlan Vold, Snowplowing and Dozer Work		17.44
Pleasantville Lions Club, Work on Ball Diamond		50.00
Lester Gjestvang, Grader Work and Crushed Rock		11.00
Waldemar Pederson, Grader Work		44.00
Orville Dahl, Loading Shale, Hot Mix and Grader Work		172.65
Walter Guse, Loading Shale		12.00
Albert Pawelke, Grader Work and Used Culvert		7.00
Obert Lundberg, Snowplowing		8.00
Ernest Myhre, Snowplowing		2.00
Marvin Franson, Grader Work		12.00
Paul Herman, Grader Work		20.00
Eugene Halama, Grader Work		16.00
Morris Kolden, Grader Work		2.00
Harry Anderson, County Work		19.12
Ralph Herman, Grading and Loading Shale		60.00
Donald Fischer, Grading		12.00
Mike Bautch, Grading		8.00
Trempealeau County, Labor		40.82
Hensel Sedahl, Grading		8.00
Ernest Langner, Grading		36.00
Gunderson Chevrolet, Private Work		84.00
John Standish, Grading		5.00
Raymond Schaefer, Grading		30.00
John Schaefer, Grading		12.00
Arnold Hanson, Grading		5.00
Edward Prudlick, Grading		8.00
Donald Knutson, Grading		65.00

Archie Thorson, Loading Shale and Grading	39.50
Sylvan Olson, Grading	16.00
Arlow Schroeder, Grading	2.75
Forrest Olson, Grading	2.50
Fred Thompson, Grading	2.00
Anna Christianson, Grading	2.50
Bruce Schaefer, Bulldozing	9.44
Aloysie B. Halama, Culvert	285.28
Raymond Loga, Snowplowing	2.00
Ernest Knutson, Loading Shale and Grading	27.50
Trempealeau County, Leveling Blacktop	155.07
George Bautch, Grading	2.00
Floyd Maug, Loading Sand	4.00
Howard Hammer, County Work and Loading Shale	384.89
Thomas Gunderson, County Work	10.95
Richard Bautch, Bulldozer Work	14.20
Lawrence Christopherson, Snowplowing	4.00
Daniel Peterson, Grading	10.00
Ralph Herman, County Work	282.84
Noble Kleven, Crushed Rock and County Work	225.82
Kenneth Jacobson, Private Work	96.70
Rufus Halama, Grading	22.50
Ray Halama, Private Work	251.69
Howard Hammer, County Work	224.06
Elmer Koepke, Grading	8.00
Edward Schaefer, Grading and Crushed Rock	33.00
Eugene Halama, Grading and Hot Mix	202.14
Norman Amundson, Used Culvert	9.06
Arthur Gunderson, County and Town Work	576.07
Clarence Misch, Hot Mix	124.88
Marie Johnson, Grading	5.00
Richard Bautch, Grading	25.00
Gilbert Maug, Snowplowing and Grading	6.50
John Herman, Grading	42.50
Harold Maug, Shale and Grading	10.00
Josephine Steltenpohl, Grading	40.00
Ernest Halama, Snowplowing	4.00
Arnold Hanson, Grading	2.50
Lambert Thoma, Grading	45.00
Milan Christianson, County Work	114.08
Hensel Sedahl, Private Work	2.50
Halvor Haugen, County Work	100.42
Waldemar Pederson, Culvert	250.00
TOTAL	$ 4,740.92
TOTAL OF ALL RECEIPTS	$470,985.04

DOG TAX

Handled Separately by Treasurer	$ 373.00

SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT

Cash Balance on Hand at the Beginning of Year	$ 42,497.95
Tax Roll	293,752.61
Telephone Tax	455.36
Delinquent and Postponed Real Estate Taxes from County	28,866.56
Licenses and Permits	229.00
Public Utility Taxes	9,282.92
Grants and Gifts (Auto License, Liquor and Highway Privilege Taxes)	32,653.72
Income Tax Apportionment	14,658.06
Road Refund from County	53,627.64
Bridge Aid	4,378.95
Temporary Loan	27,000.00
Delinquent Personal Property Taxes	1,057.39
Private Work and General Revenue Receipts	4,740.92
Miscellaneous Receipts	281.91
TOTAL	$513,482.99

DISBURSEMENTS

Total Orders Drawn	$420,231.14
Delinquent Real Estate Taxes	9,628.61
Postponed Real Estate Taxes	45,338.28
Delinquent Personal Property Taxes	547.18
TOTAL	$475,745.21
Cash Balance March 23, 1971	$ 37,737.78

ESTIMATED BALANCE

Cash Balance	$ 37,737.78
Due from County on Delinquent and Postponed Real Estate Taxes	33,650.91
Due from Private Work	1,250.00
TOTAL	$ 72,638.69
Less Balance Due to Pro-Rating School Districts @ 80%	28,371.37
TOTAL ESTIMATED BALANCE	$ 44,267.32

SCHOOL TAX RATES

The tax rates for the school districts in the Town of Hale for the year of 1970 are as follows per $1000 valuation:

Eleva-Strum High School	$24.19
Independence High School	27.84
Osseo High School	25.33
Whitehall High School	24.92
Eau Claire Vocational School	2.11
La Crosse Vocational School	1.97

ROAD REPORT

Name of Road	Amount Raised Town & County (½ Each)	Amount Spent
Steig-Huskelhus	$10,000.00	$10,640.08
Eimon	6,000.00	6,000.00
Gierok	2,000.00	To be Billed in 1971
Knutson	2,000.00	None
Schroeder	12,000.00	3,321.59
Monson	5,904.40	Spent in 1968 & 69
Lee Valley	7,000.00	1,718.90
Edwin Nelson Road	1,000.00	762.50

Special Fire Warning Notice

The Town Board of the Town of Hale, County of Trempealeau, deems it imprudent and dangerous to set fires upon any land within said Town. Therefore, in accord with the provisions of Section 26.13 Wisconsin Statutes, a

Year Around Fire Season

is hereby declared and every person is forbidden to set fire on any land in this Town from April 1, 1971 until April 1, 1972 or until otherwise ordered by the Town Board.

Section 26.13 (3), Wisconsin Statutes is as follows: Whenever the Town Board of any Town located outside of a forest protection district deems it imprudent to set fires upon any land with the Town, they shall post or cause to be posted in five public places in each Township in such Town, notices, which shall be prepared by the commission, forbidding the setting of fires therein, and after the posting of such notices no person shall set any fire upon any land in said Town except for warming the person or cooking food, until written permission has been received from one of the fire wardens of said Town.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD

Gordon Johnson, Town Chairman

FIRE PERMITS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM GORDON JOHNSON, OSSEO, WISCONSIN.

George Halama, Sr.
Oss